



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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Dear Family and Friends, in light of the current H1N1 ("Swine Flu") pandemic we must strictly adhere to the official policies/visiting hours at the Portland VA Medical Center. In addition, we have implemented screening of all visitors for flu-like symptoms. All individuals who are ill should avoid visiting inpatients and should not accompany outpatients to appointments. These efforts are to safeguard your loved ones, their healthcare workers, and you as family members and visitors.

Please note the following:

Visiting Hours are as follows: 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily

Intensive Care Units

Hospital Inpatient Units

Other Areas

Nursing Skilled Care Unit (NSCU)/Comprehensive Rehabilitation Unit (CRU)

At the convenience of the patient and visitor unless restricted by the patient's provider or charge nurse.

The number of visitors per patient and length of visit will be at the discretion of the nurse caring for the patient or the charge nurse.

Children under 15 years of age are restricted from all patient care areas. This restriction is made to ensure protection from contagious illness for patients and children of any age. Children should not be left unattended in any area.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this flu season.

Sincerely,

The Portland VAMC Staff